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**CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA)
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(Only for Continuation or Divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d))

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This is a request for a continuation or X divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d), (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 08/694,397, filed on August 12, 1996, entitled PROTECTION OF PIPELINE JOINT CONNECTIONS.

NOTES

FILING QUALIFICATIONS: The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application filed in the U.S. or (2) a foreign application filed in a foreign country which is eligible for filing in the U.S. under 35 U.S.C. 371 and filed on or after June 8, 1995, or (3) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371 and filed on or after June 8, 1995.

FILE NOT PERMITTED: A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 CFR 1.53(b) must be filed to file a continuation, divisional, or reexamination, in part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

ACCESS TO PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA will be deemed to include a waiver of confidentiality by the applicant under 35 U.S.C. 122 of the patent and any information of the public which is entitled under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.14 to access to copies of or information concerning the prior application may be given similar access to copies of, or similar information concerning the other application or applications in the file.

35 U.S.C. 120 STATEMENT: In a CPA, no reference to the prior application is needed in the first sentence of the specification and none should be submitted. If a sentence referencing the prior application is submitted, it will not be entered. A request for a CPA is the specific reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and to every application assigned the application number identified in such request. 37 CFR 1.78(a)

1. Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on _____ under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.
2. X A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
3. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53(d)(4).
 - a. DELETE the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application: _____
 - b. The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.
4. A new power of attorney or authorization of agent (PTO/SB/81) is enclosed.
5. X Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed:
 - a. X PTO-1449
 - b. X Copies of IDS Citations

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CLAIMS	(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS
	TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(C))	11-20 =	0	x \$ 22.00 =	\$ 0
	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(B))	1-3 =	0	x \$ 82.00 =	0
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (If Applicable) (37 CFR 1.16(d))			+ \$270.00 =	0
				BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))	790
	Total of above Calculations =				790
	Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).				395
	TOTAL =				\$395

6. Small entity status:

- a. A small entity statement is enclosed.
- b. A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
- c. is no longer claimed.


7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 16-2435 :

- a. Fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.
 - b. Fees required under 37 CFR 1.17.
 - c. Fees required under 37 CFR 1.18.
8. A check in the amount of \$395 is enclosed.
9. Other: _____

NOTE: The prior application's correspondence address will carry over to this CPA UNLESS a new correspondence address is provided below.

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11. Signature of Applicant, Attorney, or Agent Required



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